

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE  
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE  
MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

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WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcel RC-7 is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT  
Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

1. That Chapter VI, "Land Use, Building Requirements and Other Controls", Section 602, Table A "Land Use and Building Requirements" is hereby modified by changing the Permitted Land Use on Permitted Land Use on Parcel RC-7 from Residential-Upper floors, Commercial and/or Offices - Ground floor to Industrial.
2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
4. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHN7207.1, circular dated June 3, 1970.
5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.



MEMORANDUM

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JAN 3 1974

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA  
PROJECT NUMBER MASS. R-56  
PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN  
RENEWAL PLAN, PARCEL RC-7

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SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority (1) adopt a minor modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, with respect to Parcel RC-7, and (2) authorize the Director to proclaim by certificate, this minor modification.

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Parcel RC-7 is located at 255-293 Northampton Street in the South End and contains some 29,500 square feet. Production Auto Body owns over fifty percent of Parcel RC-7 and has expressed an interest in expanding its facilities. Production Auto Body was tentatively designated redeveloper of Parcel RC-7 on October 25, 1973.

The South End Urban Renewal Plan originally proposed acquisition of Parcel RC-7 for ground floor commercial/upper floor residential use. Production Auto Body has been located adjacent to Parcel RC-7 on Northampton Street for fifteen years, employing thirty people and currently requires expansion space. The proposal submitted to the Authority calls for construction of a two-story building with approximately 12,000 square feet of floor space and rehabilitation of existing facilities. This new industrial land use is compatible with the surrounding land uses, and retention of this existing business is appropriate at this location.

Therefore, it is recommended that the minor modification of the urban renewal plan be effected, changing the permitted use on Parcel RC-7 from Residential/Commercial to Industrial.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

Attachment:

